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Case 5494CR

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

D. Roe et al.

Serial No. 08/908,852

Filed: August 8, 1997

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Group Art Unit: 3735

Examiner: M. Polutta

Title: ARTICLE HAVING A LOTIONED TOPSHEET

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 1998, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the accompanying amendments and remarks while reexamining the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, Line 8, please insert --08/884,069-- following "Serial No.", and on Line 10, please replace "1997" with --1994--.

On Page 4, Line 20, please replace "." with --;-- and please insert --wherein the lotion is

a1 applied to the liquid pervious topsheet nonuniformly-- between Lines 20 and 21.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A disposable article comprising:

A) a liquid impervious backsheets;

B) a liquid pervious, hydrophilic topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward the interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of the wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin[; and], said lotion coating comprising: